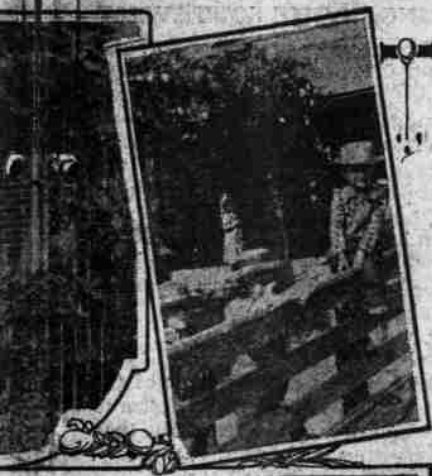


SEX NO DESTRUCTION IN THE AMANA COLONY IN IOWA



is a night school.

Everybody over 14, and in good health, is expected to "pull his pound," whether it be in the garden, the fields or in the factories. During the summer the gardens and the fields demand most attention. The colony's chief source of profit, however, comes from the wool-

en mills, calico mills and flour mills, in all of which women work as hard as the men and receive a like return.

Woman receives no favors because of her sex; no man would urge a woman to work less hours than he does; nor would he urge her to seek lighter labor. Every woman is economically the equal of every man. No husband has the right to ask his wife to do this or that, any more than he would have the right to ask it of one of his fellow workmen. On the other hand women expect no courtesies, such as are common in other places. Men do not lift their hats to the women they meet. Those courtesies, say the Amana leaders—men and women—are sex distinctions, and militate against social progress.

The women seem contented and happy, and free from the usual American "nerves." They visit while they work all day long and seem thoroughly to enjoy themselves. The colonists receive their board and clothes, which all share alike. In addition each person is given an allowance, according to individual necessities as decided by the trustees.

The people are held together by religious faith. They are individualists as far as the importance placed upon character is concerned, and communists in dealing with each other.

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To be successful as a wife, a woman must be willing to continue flirting with her husband.